

2012-2013 Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons

General Rules

Kittens, Female With Young: Neither spotted mountain lion young nor female mountain lions accompanied by spotted young may be taken.

Evidence of Sex must be left attached to the hide of any mountain lion taken. For mountain lions, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Bag Limit: No person may take more than one mountain lion per legal tag in his or her possession.

Mandatory Check and Report: Any hunter killing a mountain lion must, *within 10 days of the date of kill (Note: where there is a female quota, hunters must report within 5 days):*

- Present the skull and hide to an Idaho Fish and Game conservation officer, regional office or other official checkpoint for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person, who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license with appropriate import documentation, shall have, except during the open season and for 5 days after the close of the season, any raw mountain lion pelt that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation).
- A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form. Proxy required, see page 78.
- **Please thaw your mountain lion hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging. Staff members may not be able to check a frozen hide or skull.**

Fish and Game's headquarters office is not equipped to check mountain lions. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked at the Fish and Game regional office in Nampa (3101 S. Powerline Rd, 208-465-8465) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by appointment at the Garden City facility, 109 W. 44th St., 208-327-7099.

Capturing Mountain Lions: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold any mountain lion.

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to hunt or pursue mountain lions within one-half mile of any active Fish and Game big game feeding site.

Female Mountain Lion Quota

To find out whether the quota on female mountain lions has been met and the season has been closed in a particular management unit, call 1-800-323-4334. For more specific information about the number of female lions harvested and reported for each management unit, call a Fish and Game regional office or the headquarters office in Boise. See page 4, or <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Hound Hunting

Please see the section on hound hunting rules on page 77.

Special Tags

Second tags: Second tags for mountain lions may be used only in Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27 and that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River. Nonresident mountain lion tags used in these units are available for \$31.75.

Nonresident Deer or Elk tags: A nonresident deer or elk tag may be used to tag a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf, see page 86 for details.

Nonresident Reduced Mountain Lion Tags: Please see page 87.



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Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Female Quota	Notes
1	Sep 15 - Feb 16	Sep 15 - Dec 13		<i>Dog training season open Feb 17 - Mar 31</i>
2, 3, 4, 4A, 5	Sep 15 - Feb 16	Oct 10 - Dec 13		<i>Dog training season open Feb 17 - Mar 31</i>
6, 7, 9	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Dec 1		<i>Dog training season open Feb 17 - Mar 31</i>
8	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Dec 1		
8A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Dec 1		
10, 12	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31		<i>Second lion tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
10A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Dec 1		
11, 11A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Dec 1		
14, 15, 18	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 20		
13	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 3		
16	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 20		<i>Second lion tag may be used North of Selway River, Remainder of unit: 1 lion tag</i>
16A, 17, 19, 20	Aug 30 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31		<i>Second lion tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
19A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 24		
20A, 26, 27	Aug 30 - Apr 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31		<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
21, 21A, 28, 36B	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 8		
22	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 24	6	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
23	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 24	8	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
24	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 24	5	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
25	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 24	8	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 24		<i>See note 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Page 79</i>
31	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 24	3	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
32	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 24	6	<i>See notes 1 & 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Page 79</i>
32A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 3 Nov 10 - Nov 24	5	<i>See notes 1 & 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Page 79</i>
33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 8	15	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
36	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 8		
38	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 30		
39	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 9	10	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
40	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 24	10	<i>See note 1, Page 65</i>
41, 42	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 5 - Nov 24		<i>Electronic calls may be used</i>

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43, 44, 48, 49	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	6	<i>See notes 2 & 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 49, See Page 79</i>
45, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 53, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30		<i>See note 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59 & 59A, See Page 79</i>
46, 47	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	6	<i>See notes 2 & 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 79</i>
54	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	6	<i>See note 2, Page 65</i>
55	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	6	<i>See note 2, Page 65</i>
56, 57, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30		<i>See note 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 56, 66, & 69, See Page 79</i>
66A, 68, 68A, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	22	<i>See note 3, Page 65, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66A, 70, 73, 75, 76, 77 & 78, See Page 79</i>

Notes:

1. The take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open for either sex until the female quota is reached or the take season ends. After the female quota has been reached, the take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open for males only.
2. The take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open until the female quota is reached, or the take season ends, whichever comes first. For these units, a dog training season opens upon the closure of the unit to harvest where a harvest quota is met. If opened, the training season in any of these units shall close March 31.
3. Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for mountain lion is restricted **August 30 through December 31** to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles - any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 1,500 pounds. See page 79.